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Muslim American Organizations Launch Toolkit on Islam and Muslims for Government Administrators

Washington, D.C., October 3, 2022 — Muslim Americans in Public Service ([MAPS](#)), along with the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU), launched a toolkit that provides information about the identity and faith of Muslim Americans to government administrators. This toolkit is intended to give government leaders a better understanding of the many Muslim Americans serving across all levels and branches of government, as well as facilitate broader access and pathways to positive and meaningful engagement with this growing segment of American society. To learn more visit tinyurl.com/MAPSInclusiveGovernment.

According to ISPU's 2020 American Muslim Poll, this group faces the highest levels of discrimination of any faith or non-faith group since 9/11 due to negative media coverage which has led to distorted perceptions of Muslim Americans across the country. The lack of factual information on Muslim Americans has raised concerns for hiring managers and whether they should employ them in government jobs.

Inspired by MAPS' national members, the toolkit was conceived following presidential proclamations and last year's [Executive Order on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in the Federal Workforce](#) that highlighted the Federal government's request to promote inclusion and the need for the collection and sharing of dedicated resources. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) was called to "issue guidance and serve as a resource and repository for best practices for agencies to develop or enhance existing diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility training programs" that can identify and help prevent "bias against underserved communities." The toolkit aims to fulfill that order and serve as an informational resource to both elected officials and government administrators.

The Government Administrators Toolkit: Research and Resources on American Muslims and Islam for Public Servants is accessible at tinyurl.com/GovAdminToolkit.

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Muslim Americans in Public Service (MAPS) is a national, non-partisan network of professionals and organizations that aim to create an enabling ecosystem for Muslim American public servants and the public institutions they serve. MAPS's mission is to support the career, workplace, and community development of Muslim American public servants while cultivating a new generation of public servants. Visit us [online](#) or on social media at [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

The Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU) is a non-religious, nonpartisan nonprofit organization that provides objective research and education about American Muslims to support well-informed dialogue and decision-making. Founded in 2002, ISPU has been at the forefront of discovering trends and opportunities that impact American Muslims for almost 20 years. As the only organization of its kind, it is the go-to source for anyone seeking objective information about Muslims in America and the issues that impact them. Learn more at www.ispu.org/.